



**November-December
2013**

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The City of College Station continues its holiday tradition with Christmas at the Creek, a fun-filled weekend on Dec. 6 and 7 at Wolf Pen Creek Park, located at 1015 Colgate Drive.

On Friday, Dec. 6, bring blankets or chairs to enjoy a musical and a movie. Local playwright Mark Taylor wrote a musical just for Christmas at the Creek that will premiere three times during the evening. In conjunction with Movies in the Park, The Santa Clause will start at 8:30 p.m.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, children are invited to create festive wonders at the Lowe's Christmas Crafts Corner. Find the perfect gift at the Holiday Vendor Village where a variety of vendors will be selling arts, crafts, jewelry, candles and more. Guests can also skate on the synthetic ice rink, go down the Log Jammer Extreme Slide, take a ride on Paw Paw's Party Train, play on inflatables and create a yummy snack in the Kroger s'more area. Lastly, be sure to stay for the Holiday Concert with live entertainment by Marcia Ball as well as other local dance and gospel performances.

Each night there will be hayrides, a live nativity, petting zoo and photos with Santa. Parking is conveniently located at Post Oak Mall. Hayride drop-off and pick-up locations will be at Post Oak Mall, the Arts Council of Brazos Valley and the Colgate Street entrance of Wolf Pen Creek Park.

Handicap parking will be available at the Colgate entrance off of Eastmark. Pets, glass containers and alcohol are not allowed on the premises.

Entertainment Schedule

FRIDAY, DEC. 6 - 6-10 P.M.

Petting zoo and live nativity at the Wolf Pen Creek Plaza. Photos with Santa at the Arts Council of Brazos Valley.

Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater

- 6 p.m. -- Creek View Elementary Show Choir
- 6:30, 7:15 & 8 p.m. -- Original Christmas at the Creek Musical by Mark Taylor
- 8:30 p.m. -- Movies in the Park featuring The Santa Clause

SATURDAY, DEC. 7 - 2-10 P.M.

2-10 p.m. -- Photos with Santa at the Arts Council of Brazos Valley

Wolf Pen Creek Festival Site

- 2-3 p.m. -- Synthetic Ice Rink reserved for special needs only
- 2-6 p.m. -- Lowe's Christmas Crafts
- 2-8 p.m. -- Holiday Vendor Village, synthetic ice rink, live nativity, Log Jammer Extreme slide, Kroger s'more area, Paw Paw's Party Train, inflatables and petting zoo

Wolf Pen Creek Amphitheater

- 2-7 p.m. -- Local Dance Performances by Kids Klub Dance, Expressions Dance & Music, On Our Toes Dance Studio, Suzanne's Dance Studio, Powersports Dance Factory with Gentry Gandy's Xtreme Dance Troupe and Suzanne's Dance Studio
- 7-8 p.m. -- Local Gospel Performances by Kemp Carver Notables and Lily of the Valley Church of God in Christ Sanctuary Choir
- 8:30-10 p.m. -- Holiday Concert with Marcia Ball

For complete entertainment details, visit cstx.gov/Christmas or call 979.764.3486.

Lights at Central Park

Christmas lights will be on display at the 47-acre Stephen C. Beachy Central Park from Nov. 28 through Jan. 1. Bring your friends and family out to view this festive holiday display.

QUICK LINKS

Christmas at the Creek
cstx.gov/Christmas



Learn About YOUR City

Awareness program opportunities



Want to learn more about your municipality, fire and police departments? Well, you have three opportunities to do so this spring:

Citizens University **Jan. 27-April 14**

In Citizens University, you'll get to talk to those who build budgets, construct capital projects, plan for growth, keep the lights on and neighborhoods safe within the City of College Station. It begins Jan. 27 and runs through April 14, with no classes scheduled during spring break (March 10). Sessions are conducted Mondays from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information or to apply, visit cstx.gov/cu. Application deadline is Friday, Jan. 10. Program contact is Lacey Lively at 979.764.3445 or llively@cstx.gov.

Citizens Fire Academy **Feb. 20 – May 14**

This 11-week learning program is designed to increase awareness about the College Station Fire Department's mission and daily operations. The course will cover a variety of hands-on topics. CPR and First Aid instruction will also be offered.

Classes will be conducted on Mondays from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. from Feb. 20 to May 14 at city fire stations and the Brayton Fire Training Field. A special Saturday session will feature a live fire exercise. Participants must be at least 18 years old.

To apply, visit cstx.gov/cfa. Application deadline is Monday, Feb. 10. For additional information, call 979.764.3712.

Citizens Police Academy **Feb. 4 – April 22**

Citizens Police Academy is an interactive program designed to offer citizens an inside look at the College Station Police Department and local criminal justice system.

Sessions are held Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the College Station Police Department for 11 weeks each spring and fall. Spring session runs Feb. 4 to April 22, with no class during spring break.

For more program information and to apply, visit cstx.gov/cpa or call 979.764.3624.



Jingle Bell Fun Run **Sunday, Dec. 8 - 1:45 p.m.**

The 24th Annual Jingle Bell Fun Run is set for Sunday, Dec. 8 at 1:45 p.m. and will be followed by the Bryan-College Station Christmas Parade. This two-mile run starts at the corner of University Drive and South College Avenue and ends at the corner of Texas Avenue and Villa Maria.

Entry fee is \$15 before Nov. 15 and \$20 between Nov. 16 and 29. Race shirts will be provided to those who register before Nov. 15.

Participants can register for the race at cstx.gov/Christmas or in-person at Stephen C. Beachy Central Park, located at 1000 Krenek Tap Road. Packet pick-up will be Dec. 5-6 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 979.764.3486.

Brazos Valley Senior Games **Register from Jan. 13 to Feb. 7**

The City of College Station is hosting the 2014 Brazos Valley Senior Games, in affiliation with the Texas State Senior Games Association, Feb. 20-23.

Ages 50+ can compete in track & field, swimming, 3-on-3 basketball, cycling, horseshoes, washers, tennis, bowling, road race, pickleball, golf, ladies volleyball, 42, race walk or disc golf. Gold, Silver and Bronze medals will be awarded in each event and age group.

Registration runs Jan. 13 to Feb. 7 and the fee is \$20 plus additional fees per event. For more event details and to register, visit cstx.gov/seniors or contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 979.764.3486.

events

December-January

Dec. 7 – Breakfast with Santa at the Lincoln Recreation Center from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Go to cstx.gov/lincolncenter or call 979-764-3779.

Dec. 11 – Southwood Community Center Holiday Open House for Seniors from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Go to cstx.gov/southwood or call 979.764.6371.

Dec. 14 – “The Age of Elegance” Senior Pageant from 6-9 p.m. at the Lincoln Recreation Center. Ages 55+ are invited to participate. Enjoy free food, fun and door prizes. Call 979.764.3779 or email awilliams@cstx.gov.

Dec. 24 & 25, Jan. 1 & 20 – City Offices Closed. Call 979.764.3690 or go to cstx.gov/sanitation for sanitation holiday schedules.

Jan. 6-24 – Challenger Basketball Registration for PreK-12th graders with special needs. \$15 per child. Program begins Feb. 1. Go to cstx.gov/sports.

Jan. 13-31 – Adult Softball & Kickball Registration for ages 16+. Play begins Feb. 17. Go to cstx.gov/sports.

Recycle your live Christmas trees by leaving them at the curb by 8 a.m. on your scheduled brush/bulky collection day. All accessories must be removed. Recycled trees are either composted or chipped and spread throughout city parks.

For more events, visit:

cstx.gov/calendar